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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERTS

REF: CARACAS 13860

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACTED PERUVIAN INVITEES DR. ROGER BARRANTES CAMPOS AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FATHER MIGUEL PICASSO MUNOZ AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REGARDING PROPOSED CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. NEITHER HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM GOV'S COMMISSION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (CCIND) AND NEITHER HAD ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF SAID CONFERENCE, SINCE WE WERE RELYING ON GOV (LIMA 10486 OF NOV 16) TO SEND INVITATIONS TO BARRANTES AND PICASSO.

2. PER REFTEL WE HAVE HAND-DELIVERED LETTERS TO THREE DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERTS INVITING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE CCIND AND ADVISING THEM THAT FORMAL INVITATION SHOULD BE ARRIVING SHORTLY. DUE TO LATENESS OF INVITATION, PARTICIPATION OF BOTH BARRANTES AND PICASSO NOW IN DOUBT, IN THE CASE OF BARRANTES BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, AND IN THE CASE OF PICASSO FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC REASONS. PARTICIPATION OF PIP DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERT ANIBAL BERROCAL BATISTA SEEMS CERTAIN

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AT THIS POINT.

3. PRUVIAN LAW REQUIRES PAYMENT OF 30 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE. EMBASSY LETTER TO BANCO DE LA NACION WILL EXPEMT EXPERTS FROM HALF OF SURCHARGE (ABOUT SIXTY U.S. DOLLARS). CAN CCIND REIMBURSE PERUVIAN PARTICIPANTS FOR THE OTHER HALF OF THE SURCHARGE? ADVISE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THIS QUESTION IS KEY TO PARTICIPATION OF AT LEAST ONE PERUVIAN EXPERT. DEAN

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